(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) what are the details of the Old Age Homes that have been set up, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Government has not finalized any scheme for financial assistance to the State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Old Age Homes

†4121. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Old Age Homes being run in the States, as on date, during the last three years;

(b) the number of Old Age Homes for which assistance is demanded by the organizations; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during the above said period for the expenses of the Old Age Homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Details of Old Age Homes (OAH) which have been assisted under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons and the amount sanctioned during last three years are given below:—

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
No. of OAHs	320	287	240
Amount (Rs. in lakh)	1182.54	1059.67	1105.42

Post-Matric scholarship for OBC students in Maharashtra

4122. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes is a fully Centrally sponsored scheme and the Maharashtra Government has requested for reimbursement of funds for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released, so far, and yet to be released, as on 31 st March, 2008; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure quick release of funds to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

A proposal for Rs. 179.92 crore was received from the Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08 under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students. Keeping in view the budget allocation and proposals received from other States/UTs, submission of utilization certificate of grant released in the previous years and provision made for the committed liability, an amount of Rs. 19.50 crore was released to the State Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08. The total expenditure on the scheme by Government of India was Rs. 125.17 crore in 2007-08.

Violence against Scheduled Castes

4123. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of caste violence against those belonging to Sche-duled Castes in the various parts of the country, during 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of complaints submitted, cases registered against the caste violence and atrocities against Scheduled Castes during the last five years, State-wise, year-wise, and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The data in regard to instances of caste violence is not separately maintained. However, as per data available, the number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, State wise, during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, is given in the Statement.

Statement

State/Union Territory wise number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 *and* 2006.

SI. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2006.				
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1806	2328	2236	3571	4579
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	56	27
3.	Assam	0	1	0	498	526
4.	Bihar	876	1185	1785	1811	2097
5.	Chhattisgarh	920	815	769	950	1027
6.	Goa	2	2	0	3	4
7.	Gujarat	1167	1025	1070	1538	1155
8.	Haryana	63	43	61	288	283
9.	Himachal Pradesh	14	12	22	60	107
10.	Jharkhand	93	168	232	592	620
11.	Karnataka	1232	1293	1232	1913	1918
12.	Kerala	469	335	374	427	439